

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment before the first Office Action.

Claims 34-44 are pending.

This divisional application is filed herewith following a restriction requirement in the parent application, 09/967,462, in which an election was made via facsimile on February 3, 2003, restricting examination in the parent application to claims 1-33 and 45-57.

Claims 1-33 and 45-57 have been cancelled herein without prejudice since their subject matter is claimed in the parent application 09/967,462.

The claims are amended to cancel claims 1-33 and 45-57, which were subject to examination in the parent case 09/967,462 following the restriction election made on February 3, 2003.

The specification is amended to add the priority claim to the parent application 09/967,462.

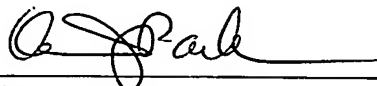
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits Claims 34-44 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

FEES

If there are any fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,



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